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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Final Rejection dated June 22, 2011, in connection with the above-identified patent application. **The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith.** Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

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